Award on protein energy malnutrition on the basis of about 50 research publications in the field, while the actual work was done by an Associate Professor under her who is a biochemist, and the papers had only been co-authored by her, she being only Paediatrician having no training in biochemistry; and

(b) if so, whether Government have undertaken a re-examination of grant of the award in proper respective before finally conferring the award?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Indian Council of Medical Research is looking into the matter. It would be in a position to give a decision after considering the claims of Dr. Mehta as well as of Dr. C. K. Nain who has contested the credentials of Dr. Mehta.

Acquisition of Nuclear Submarine

1798. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have acquired any submarines from different sources during the last two years and propose to acquire any more submarines;

(b) if so, the number, cost, features and the parties from which the submarines have been and are being acquired;

(c) whether any submarines have been or are being acquired from Soviet Union; and

(d) whether they are of the same or similar type as the one which caught fire on high seas; on Friday, 7th April, 1989 near Norway; if so, whether Government are reviewing the proposal/acquisition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These details cannot be divulged in the national interest.

(c) 5 conventional diesel/electric submarines have been acquired from the Soviet Union during the last two years. In addition, one nuclear-powered submarine was procured on lease from the Soviet Union in early 1988, for training purposes.

(d) No, Sir.

राष्ट्रीय अंधता नियंत्रण कार्यक्रम में संशोधन

1799. **सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :** क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने वर्तमान "राष्ट्रीय अंधता नियंत्रण कार्यक्रम" में कतिपय संशोधन करने का निर्णय किया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि कई विशेषज्ञों ने विद्यमान कार्यक्रम में उपयुक्त संशोधन करने की आवश्यकता पर बल दिया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार इस संबंध में क्या उपचारी कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है और इन कदमों को कब तक उठाए जाने की संभावना है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे) :

(क) जी, नहीं । राष्ट्रीय दृष्टिहीनता नियंत्रण कार्यक्रम शत-प्रतिशत केन्द्रीय प्रायोजित योजना के रूप में कार्यान्वित किया जा रहा है ।

(ख) और (ग) ये प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।